PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (March 11, 2014)

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the physician's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for these physicians.

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following actions:

Malik E. Juweid, M.D., a 52-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced nuclear medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 6, 2014. On November 18, 2011, the Board ordered Dr. Juweid to complete a Board-approved confidential comprehensive physical, neuropsychological, mental health, unprofessional conduct and disruptive behavior evaluation. Dr. Juweid filed an objection to the Order. On September 11, 2012, Dr. Juweid entered into a Stipulated Order with the Board. Dr. Juweid agreed not to engage in the practice medicine under his Iowa medical license and the Board agreed to stay enforcement of the Confidential Evaluation Order. Dr. Juweid subsequently requested a hearing before the Board. On August 13, 2013, the Board issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order. The Board ordered Dr. Juweid to complete the evaluation within ninety (90) days. Dr. Juweid failed to complete the evaluation. On December 20, 2013, the Board charged Dr. Juweid for failing to complete the evaluation within ninety (90) days. Under the terms of the March 6, 2014, Settlement Agreement, Dr. Juweid agreed not to engage in any aspect of the practice medicine under his Iowa medical license until he successfully completes a Board-approved comprehensive physical, neuropsychological, mental health, unprofessional conduct and disruptive behavior evaluation.

Nosrat A. Massih, M.D., a 77-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced internal medicine in in Omaha, Nebraska, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 6, 2014. On June 25, 2013, the Nebraska Division of Public Health (Nebraska Board) filed a Petition for Disciplinary Action and Temporary License Suspension against Dr. Massih. The Nebraska Board charged Dr. Massih with engaging in unprofessional conduct. On August 28, 2013, Dr. Massih voluntarily surrendered his Nebraska medical license to resolve the pending disciplinary matter. Under the terms of the March 6, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Dr. Massih voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve the pending disciplinary matter.

Steven R. Morris, D.O., a 33-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on March 6, 2014. The Board charged Dr. Morris with diverting drugs from patients. The Board alleged that Dr. Morris took controlled substances from patients for his own use on multiple occasions in 2013. Dr. Morris is not practicing medicine at this time. A hearing is scheduled on May 15, 2014.

Jeana L. Petree, M.D., a 38-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices radiology in Mason City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 6, 2014. The Board charged Dr. Petree with engaging in unprofessional conduct when she inappropriately accessed the medical records of an individual who was not under her care, in violation of patient privacy standards. Under the terms of the March 6, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Petree a Citation and Warning and ordered her to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved professional ethics program.

Sridhar Prasad, M.D., a 58-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced pediatrics in Bettendorf, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license indefinitely suspended by the Board on February 24, 2014. The Board suspended Dr. Prasad's Iowa medical license for failing to pay a state or local debt owed to the Iowa Department of Revenue.

Firas A. Rabi, M.D., a 39-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced pediatrics in Iowa City, Iowa, and currently practices in Indianapolis, Indiana, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on March 6, 2014. The Board charged Dr. Rabi with engaging in a pattern of sexual harassment, unethical or unprofessional and/or practice harmful or detrimental to the public in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine. The Board alleged that Dr. Rabi engaged in conduct of a sexual nature in the workplace which interfered with other health care worker's performance or created an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment. The Board alleged that Dr. Rabi made improper and unwanted sexual comments and sexual advances toward multiple female co-workers in the workplace. The Board alleged that Dr. Rabi engaged in sexual relations with female co-workers. The Board also alleged that Dr. Rabi prescribed medications to two female co-workers, himself, and members of his immediate family without establishing an appropriate physician-patient relationship and without maintaining appropriate medical records. A hearing is scheduled on May 15, 2014.

Kelly D. Ross, M.D., a 58-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in St. Ansgar, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 6, 2014. The Board charged Dr. Ross with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in St. Ansgar, Iowa, between 2006 and 2013. Under the terms of the March 6, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Ross a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board prohibited Dr. Ross from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and ordered him to complete a Board-approved professional ethics program and medical record keeping course. The Board also placed Dr. Ross on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring, including prescribing audits.

James O. Steele, M.D., a 62-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on March 6, 2014. The Board charged Dr. Steele with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 2009 and 2010. Under the terms of the March 6, 2014, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Steele a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board prohibited Dr. Steele from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain and ordered him to complete a Board-approved professional ethics program. The Board also placed Dr. Steele on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring, including prescribing audits.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

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